

Agenda Items & Actions Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 22, 2009

The following is a summary of agenda items and actions taken at the April 22, 2009, Board of Directors regular meeting;

Directors Present: Nelda Blair, Tom Campbell, Kemba DeGroot, Peggy Hausman, Claude Hunter,

Bob Kinnear, Lloyd Matthews, Vicki Richmond, Alex Sutton, and Bruce Tough

Directors Absent: Ed Robb

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.;

- ** Chairman Blair recognized receipt of a United States Flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on February 13, 2009 at the request of the Honorable Kevin Brady in honor of the Elected Officials Reception and delivered to The Woodlands Township.
- 2. Consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda;
 - Motion passed unanimously.

3. Recognize public officials;

- Garry Watts-Mayor, City of Shenandoah
- Chip VanSteenberg- Administrator, City of Shenandoah
- Fred O'Connor- Mayor, City of Oak Ridge North
- Paul Mendes-Manager, City of Oak Ridge North
- J.R. Moore, Jr.-Montgomery County Tax Assessor & Collector
- Paul Martin- Director MUD No. 67

4. Public comment;

- Tom Sifferman-over age 65 tax exemption
- John Risher-over age 65 tax exemption
- Paul Martin-over age 65 tax exemption

- 5. Recognize the contributions of Bruce Withers, former President of Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation and a member of the first Town Center Improvement District Board of Directors;
 - Recognition
- 6. Recognize the accomplishments of The Woodlands High School Girl's Swimming Team as The 2009 Class 5A State Champions;
 - Recognition and presentation of certificate
- 7. Recognize The Woodlands resident Bonnie Hubert as Mrs. Texas International 2009;
 - Recognition and presentation of certificate
- 8. Consider and act upon approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2009 regular meeting, and the March 25, 2009 special meeting of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township;
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- 9. Receive and consider a report from the Community Associations of The Woodlands;
 - Report—no action required
- 10. Receive and act upon the Financial Report;
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- 11. Consider and act upon adoption of a Resolution establishing residential homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxation for The Woodlands Township;
 - Issue #1: Does The Woodlands Township want to provide an exemption for over age 65 and disabled households?
 - Motion to grant an over age 65 and disabled tax exemption passed with Directors Blair, Campbell, DeGroot, Hunter, Kinnear, Matthews, Richmond, and Tough voting "yes" and Directors Hausman and Sutton voting "no".
 - Issue #2: If yes to #1, should a property tax exemption be provided in 2009 or should the implementation of an exemption be deferred to a future date when the financial impact of the consolidation is known?
 - Motion not to provide an exemption for tax year 2009 and wait until 2010 to review when to implement an exemption and at what amount passed with Directors Blair, DeGroot, Hausman, Hunter, Matthews, and Sutton voting "yes" and Directors Campbell, Kinnear, Richmond, and Tough voting "no".
- 12. Consider and act upon a recommendation from the Executive Committee to retain Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. to assist The Woodlands Township and The Community Associations of The Woodlands with employee benefit matters through the transition of services process with an RFP/Q to be sent to interested firms in 2010;
 - Motion passed unanimously.

- 13. Receive and consider an update on a law enforcement plan for 2010 for The Woodlands Township;
 - Report-no action necessary
- 14. Consider and act upon the 2010 budget appropriations for Inter-local Agreements with the City of Shenandoah and City of Oak Ridge North;
 - Motion that the Board of Directors continue funding police services provided by the City of Oak Ridge North and City of Shenandoah in an amount not to exceed \$216,472 and be included in the law enforcement plan for 2010 passed unanimously.
 - ** Final review of this item will be made during the 2010 budget process following a clearer understanding of the services provided by the City of Shenandoah and the City of Oak Ridge North.
- 15. Consider and act upon a recommendation from the Executive Committee to award a 3 year service agreement with Alpha & Omega Mounted Security Patrol for courtesy mounted patrol services and authorize the President for The Woodlands Township to execute an agreement in connection therewith;
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- 16. Consider and act upon authorizing the annual destruction of records under an approved records retention schedule;
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- 17. Consider and act upon the proposed extension of The Woodlands Township's current banking and depository service agreement with Woodforest National Bank;
 - Motion passed with Directors Blair, Campbell, DeGroot, Hausman, Hunter, Kinnear, Matthews, Sutton, and Tough voting "yes" and Director Richmond abstaining.
- 18. Consider and act upon approval of proposed dates for budget meetings in connection with the development of the 2010 budget of The Woodlands Township;
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- 19. Consider and act upon establishing a Board policy giving the Chairman of the Board the authority to provide a proclamation for groups or events, on behalf of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township;
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- 20. Consider and act upon the purchase of computer equipment and related software and licenses for The Woodlands Township through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources Go DIRect program;

- Motion passed unanimously.
- 21. Consider and act upon a proposal from Rede Solutions to provide programming services and choreography layout of four patriotic songs for the fountain at Waterway Square and authorize the President for The Woodlands Township to execute the proposal in connection therewith;
 - Motion passed with Directors Blair, Campbell, DeGroot, Hunter, Kinnear, Matthews, Richmond, Sutton and Tough voting "yes" and Director Hausman voting "no".
- 22. Receive and consider a quarterly update from The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau;
 - Report-no action necessary
- 23. Recess at 12:00 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss matters relating to real property pursuant to §551.072, Texas Government Code; deliberation of economic development negotiations pursuant to §551.087, Texas Government Code; and to discuss personnel matters pursuant to §551.074, Texas Government Code;
- 24. Reconvene in Public Session at 12:21 p.m.;
- 25. Consider and act upon a Memorandum of Understanding with The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion regarding an events admission charge and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the Memorandum of Understanding in connection therewith;
 - Motion passed with Directors Blair, DeGroot, Hunter, Kinnear, Matthews, Richmond, and Tough voting "yes"; Directors Campbell and Hausman voting "no" and Director Sutton abstaining.
- 26. Administrative Reports;
 - None
- 27. Consideration of items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting;
 - Discuss having two meetings per month
 - Discuss moving the meeting time to 7:30 a.m.
 - Discuss transparency of expenses and books
- 28. Board announcements; and
 - None
- 29. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.